

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Walter M. "Buck"
Work on his many years of outstanding service
to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to the citizens of this great state; and

WHEREAS, Walter M. "Buck" Work of Dickson, Tennessee is one such eminent legislator who served the citizens of Tennessee with uncommon skill and diligence; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the House of Representatives, Representative Work sagaciously served district 69 in the 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd and 94th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, for seven terms, Mr. Work was a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic life of Dickson County and earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and his constituents; and

WHEREAS, he worked diligently at his appointed duties and expended the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Work utilized his expertise in education as he served as a member of the important House Education Committee where he served with distinction as Secretary for three terms and Vice-Chair and then Chairman for the remainder of his legislative tenure; and

WHEREAS, as Chair of the Education Committee, Representative Work sponsored and supported numerous pieces of far-reaching and visionary legislation involving enhanced funding and quality of education, higher teacher salaries and lower pupil-teacher ratios; and

WHEREAS, one of the state's most respected educators, Mr. Work is a graduate of Austin Peay University and holds a Master's degree from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in quality education, Mr. Work was active in the Tennessee Education Association from 1971-1982, the Tennessee Department of Education from 1967-1971 and served with diligence as the superintendent of Dickson County Schools from 1957-1967; he also taught and administered the affairs at Jackson Chapel from 1953-1956; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to education, Mr. Work also played a major role in two other important committees as a member of the House Finance, Ways and Means and Calendar and Rules Committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Work's illustrious career reflects an impeccable record of service to this great state of Tennessee and marks the era of a true legend; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Walter M. "Buck" Work on his many years of outstanding service to Dickson County and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.